

Remarks

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed May 2, 2007. Claims 5, 18, and 31 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 14, and 27 are amended to incorporate subject matter from claims 5, 18, and 31, respectively. Claims 6 and 7 are amended to depend from claim 1, and claims 19 and 20 are amended to depend from claim 14. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-17, 19, 20, 22-30, 32, 33, and 35-39 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

In section 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-4, 9-17, 22-30, and 35-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed, and the correctness of the rejection is not conceded. Reconsideration is requested for the following reasons.

Claims 1, 14, and 27 are amended to incorporate allowable subject matter from claims 5, 18, and 31, respectively. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 14, and 27, as well the claims that depend therefrom, are respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In section 4 of the Office Action, claims 5-7, 18-20, and 31-33 are noted as being allowable. The Examiner's assistance in identifying allowable subject matter is appreciated. All claims are in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. If there are any questions regarding this application, please call the undersigned at 612.332.5300.

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